



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, November 2002 will be observed as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month to create awareness of pancreatic cancer, the number four cause of death of men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 30,300 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and the 99% mortality rate for pancreatic cancer is the highest of any cancer; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no early detection methods and minimal treatment options for pancreatic cancer and by the time symptoms generally present themselves, it is too late for a positive prognosis and the average survival after diagnosis with the metastatic disease is only 3-6 months; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer does not discriminate by age, gender or race and only 4% of patients will survive beyond 5 years; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Inc. (PanCan), the only national advocacy organization for pancreatic cancer patients, exists to create awareness, patient support, professional education, and advocacy for pancreatic cancer research funding to ultimately find the cure for pancreatic cancer;

WHEREAS, PanCan will promote pancreatic cancer awareness during the month of November in order to educate communities across the country about pancreatic cancer and the need for research funding, early detection methods, effective treatments and prevention programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim November 2002, to be

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-ninth day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE